

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph between the Title and the Technical Field of the Invention to read as follows (the following amendment assumes prior entry of the amendment to this paragraph made in the amendment filed November 15, 2004):

This application is a continuation of international patent application PCT/US99/10588, filed May 13, 1999, which claims the benefit of ~~priority from~~ U.S. provisional patent applications 60/110,836, filed December 3, 1998 and 60/085,487, filed May 14, 1998, and is a continuation-in-part of United States patent application 08/996,139, filed December 22, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,017,729, which claims the benefit of U.S. provisional applications 60/064,671, filed October 14, 1997; 60/077,181, filed March 7, 1997; and 60/059,978, filed December 23, 1996.